

MARCUS

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MARCUS is a zine of postal Diplomacy, featuring both regular and variant games, and news of general interest. Subscriptions are 10 for a \$1.50. Trades are welcomed on an all for all basis. The publisher and editor of MARCUS is Mark Weidmark, who resides at 528 Park Cres., Pickering, Ontario, Canada.

In case you didn't know, this copy of MARCUS is being sent to you free of charge to introduce you to MARCUS, and to acquaint you with the funny(that's strange and humorous both) ways of myself. Please, hold back your excitement Mr. Reader, you're spilling beer all over this page. Okay, settled down now? Now cut out that obscene language, just because you're going to get this zine every 3 weeks, if you pay \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$, IS NO REASON TO ACT NAUGHTY, or is it? So Mr. Reader, if you'll just read on, you will find many hours of reading enjoyment, but maybe only 1/2 hours, or even 1/4 hours. It all depends on: "Can you read or not." Just keep on going!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEWS OF THE WORLD

As if nobody has heard yet, games research(which is usually spelt with capitals) has come up with a new rulebook. If I had had this new rulebook when I started playing Diplomacy, I'm sure things would of run alot smoother in those first few games. I reccommend the new rulebook for novices, but it couldn't hurt everyone to get it. You can get it from Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02118, for one dollar in the form of a cheque or money order, post paid. You people who are Canadians, who can't send cheques and money orders into the U.S., could follow my example. I just sent one dollar in Canadian currency to them, and they sent the rulebook straight away.

CASSETTE TAPES, NEW FORM OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HUMANS

That's right folks, cassette tapes have hit the blab scene. If you read Smut* or Antares, you should know all about it. How do you think I know anything about it? Anyways, this is a great way to talk to people hundreds(thousands) of miles away, for an entire hour or more, without spending \$46,396,245.99 on your phone bill. Actually all it costs is 16¢(22¢ airmail), if you own a recorder and some tape. Many people do. And you can say alot in an hour. Why, I know all about Phoenix, AR now, since I have been talking via cassette tapes with Peter Weber out there. I invite one and all to send me tapes just full of blab. I'll just send it back with an hour's blab from me!!



PETER



ME



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JEFFERIES



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AND NOW THE WINNER IS...

The winner ladies and gentlemen (and kiddies too), of this years Silver Shield Award, presented to the person who is stupid enough to deserve it, and publish a rating system, and make it work, is...is...is..... Burton Labelle. Yes, Burton has done it again. A new rating system, which he is publishing in his new combination-generating zine. If you didn't get me right, he's going to maintain the system, and publish the player ratings in his new zine ANTARES. This appears to be a fairly accurate system, and looks like a good one. What's more, he is rating the 7 man-7 game series games as seven individual games. He's in one. Weelll, why am I happy? Because I'm in one y too. Maybe were in the same one. I'm in Learrry Peecrry's one just opening (I hope). How about you Burt? 7-7 or not, Burt's mag looks real good. SUBSCRIBE!!!! You'll find him at 146 Elm St., Saco, Maine 04072. Do I get my free subscription now Burt?

GAME OPENINGS IN M A R C U S

This is what you've all been waiting for, the games. Well, I've got four of'em for YOU. A total of 31 game openings. That adds up to 3 regulars, and one variant. To start with, I'll tell you about the first two. Nothing really much to tell. Just two regular games, open to anyone in North America and Europe and Antarctica. The deadlines are 3 weeks apart, as with all games in M A R C U S. Oh yah, the game fee is \$4.00 for both games. Houserules will be sent directly to anybody who enters a game. Country preference lists are needed with each fee, if you want to get a country, that isn't Italy or Austria, or Germany. Game 3, is basically the same as games one and two, but with one restriction. Only Canadians can play. Now don't feel sad my fellow Amer...oops, I'm not an American, but all the same, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that the last game isn't an All-American game. But, I do know how you can make it one, thus in effect keeping up with the jones' (also spelt with a capital) (Jones' may be defined as Canadians. Here's my plan: "Send in game fees for it real quick before any Canadians send them in first." To the Canadians: "Try and beat the Americans, and get the fees in first."

Now you're all ready to enter it, I'll tell you what it is. Game four is a Youngstown Variant. Game fee is \$4.50 (includes map and rules). There, now hurry boys. One more thing before I go onto something else. The game fee for the All-Canadian game is \$4.00. There is a 50¢ deduction on every game you enter after the first.

THE CONTEST

This contest should be a fun contest. It is called the press release contest. The prize, which is two dollars, or a free game, not necessarily in MARCUS, but maybe, awarded to the person who writes the best press during a six month period. In each issue, one will be picked by (one press release) myself, and will be entered into the semi finals which would occur (will occur) in six months time. What would occur? Why all the PR's in the semi finals would be published in six months time and all the readers would vote on the (what they thought best). Ughh, I got through that. Note that all would be in the above paragraph are really wilds.

GAME OPENINGS ELSEWHERE...

ALBION*-Don Turnbull, Flat 13, Gilmerton Court, Trumpington Rd., Cambridge, England. Done will put you on his waiting list for the next game he runs, if you send him one English poundGame fee. When the list is filled you're in a game. You must send him more than a pound if you want to subscribe till the game starts. Write before you send anything, that's best.

Mars Vigila-Steve Marsland, 78 Genesee, Greene, N.Y. 13778. Steve has openings in a game he has just opened. I'll be in it. The game fee is \$1.00, but you must subscribe for the duration of the game. Subs are 10/31.50.

SMUT*-Peter Wber, 417 Hatcher, Apt. 2, Phoenix, AR 85020. Games:
1. Black Propaganda--anything goes on press. "2. Secret identities of all players. You must be from a rather large Diplomacy centre.
3. Openings in several other games besides the above (ordinary regulars). To enter you must submit a game registration form available free from Peter. Game fees are \$4.00.

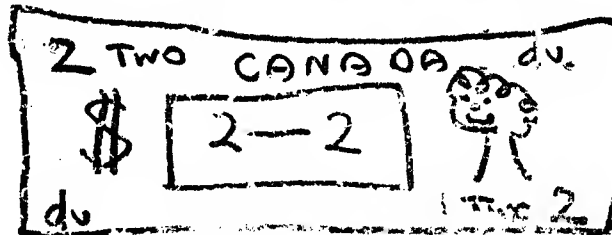
World News and War Report-John Mensinger, 1320 Magnolia Ave., Modesto, CA 95350. Right now this zine is nonexistent. It has merged with another zine, the "Journal", to create a new larger zine. It has not yet been given a name. There is game openings though, one regular and one Youngstown Variant. You must subscribe to get in a game, 12/22.00, and pay a game fee of \$1.50 for the regular, and two dollars for the YV.

XENOGOGIC-Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego, CA 92102. Larry has a few games open now. X-23, a regular game had 4 openings when Larry published last. X-24, a regular game with consultants open only to novices with less than two games in at present. Lastly, Larry has a 7 man-27 game series open, game fee four this game only is \$10.00. Game fees for the other games is \$5.00.

LOCAL NEWS

I wasn't going to write this up in here, because of it's non interest to persons outside my area, but since I've got the space left here, I might as well. What I am hoping to do, is form a group in Ontario, or atleast in the Toronto area, of Diplomacy playing peoples, and create a sort of organization or club north of the border. Along with the club, I would like to put out a news letter, to do with the club, bimonthly or something like that. I'd like to meet some of the players in my area. We could have some face to face games, and maybe some by mail, or possibly telephone.

What I'm thinking of is a club. If anybody is interested, maybe we can organize a national organization. That shouldn't be too hard as there is only approximately 2 dozen players in Canada. I'll run off the list Conrad von Metzke gave me. The number specifies the amount of known postal Diplomacy players; in the province of Ontario 13, British Columbia 5, Nova Scotia 4, Quebec 2, Alberta 2, Prince Edward Island 1, Yukon 1. There was supposed to be a whole bunch of players in Sask., but these have all faded away. All the other provinces and territory are not represented to my knowledge. When Conrad wrote me about this, he mentioned that there wasn't even enough to have a game with all the PARTICIPANTS from different provinces, but there is. Maybe I'll start a game?



I WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ROD WALKER WHO ADVISED ME NOT TO USE SOMEONE ELSE'S DITTO MACHINE, AND TO GEORGE JEFFERIES WHO LET ME USE HIS DITTO MACHINE. SERIOUSLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK ROD, GEORGE, AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO KEPT TELLING ME I WAS SICK IN THE HEAD, SPECIFICALLY, JOHN MCCALLUM AND CONRAD VON METZKE, AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY TRIED TO HELP ME: ROD, GEORGE, JOHN AND JANUL. THANK YOU 400,000,000,000 times, thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!?

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